

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 5th August 2018

Silent Key

With deepest sympathy we announce the passing of Tony Siviter EI2IZ from Ballinskelligs, Co Kerry. Tony was a former member of KARG, but suffered ill-health in recent years.

Tony passed away at University Hospital Kerry on Tuesday 31st July.

Sincere sympathies to all of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Limerick HAREC Course

Preparations are also well in hand to provide a HAREC course beginning in September. It is expected that the course will be run in the Limerick College of Further Education. Details of dates, times and fees will issue as we get closer to the start date.

South Dublin Radio Club

A reminder that SDR will be taking its traditional break for the first 2 weeks in August, so there will be no meetings on Tuesday 7th or Tuesday 14th August. Club meetings will recommence on Tuesday 21st August. In the meantime club members and others are welcome to join the SDR Net on 6 metres on 50.205 Mhz any weekday evening from 8 to 9pm local time, and of course the SDR Net on Sunday mornings 7.123 MHz for about an hour before the radio news broadcast at 11am.

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend

The 21st annual International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend will be held over the weekend of August 18th and 19th. At this time 307 stations worldwide have registered their station callsigns already.

Three stations from Echo India are listed although it is believed a few more intend to participate but have not just yet registered.

The Avondhu Radio Club will operate EI1E from Charlesfort Lighthouse in Kinsale, County Cork, the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will operate EI2WRC from the Hook Lighthouse in County Wexford, Limerick Radio Club will operate from Loop Head, while the Lagan Valley ARS will operate using the callsign EJ0L from Arranmore Lighthouse in County Donegal.

For the latest information on this popular event, log on to ILLW.net.

Limerick Radio Club

This will be Limerick Radio Clubs 8th year at Loop Head and it has been one of the highlights of the Club's yearly activities, with up to 14 club members participating at various times over the weekend. Set up will begin on Friday 17th August from 14:00 and take down about 16:00 on Sunday 19th August. As usual two stations will be operating- one from the observation room and the other from the base of the lighthouse. While the club will be providing a ICOM 756PRO and a Kenwood TS940 anyone wishing to bring their own rig and/or antenna are more than welcome to do so. It is an opportunity to contrast and compare rigs and antennas as well as picking up some hints and tips from the 'elder lemons'

DX News

During August SP7VC will visit two of the Channel Islands. Firstly he will sign MU/SP7VC from Guernsey from 5th – 11th August. This will be followed by activity from Jersey where he will be QRV as MJ/SP7VC from 11th – 14th August. In each case he will be on all bands 160 – 10m and also some VHF.

Alfredo HC1HC will be active from the Galapagos Islands as HC1HC/8 from 7th – 10th August. He will be mainly QRV on the WARC bands and 6m using CW and FT8. QSLs go via NE8Z.

Philippe EA4NF will operate as V26NF from Antigua in the Caribbean from 12th – 19th August. Look for him on 40 – 10m. QSL via the home call.

Dariusz SP9DLM will be in Sri Lanka from 6th – 14th August. He has been issued with the callsign 4S7DMG and will be running 100w to an end-fed wire on 40, 20, 15 and 10m. QSL to his home call sign.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed

news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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